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1. Introduction:

Precision parts for guns, made of copper and brass, are cast in addition to the manufacture of boilers for a new dairy plant.

2. Construction of a new gun foundry:

The engineering works is presently building a new gun foundry. It will allegedly start production in early 1950.

3. Work force:

At present 1,900 men. The gun foundry is scheduled to have a work force of 2,500 men. Later, the work force is planned to be increased to a total of 5,000.

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Comment:

The reported plant is an engineering works and tube foundry. After its nationalization it was used for the production of textile machines according to reports received so far. The mass production of 300 threefold carding sets ("Drei-Krempele saetzen"), reproductions of the German Hartmann and Josephi machines, was started in August 1948. So far no other reports have been received on the construction of a department for armament production (see para 2).

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